

ENOUGH is enough. And, on the overwhelming evidence of the last few days, Wycombe Wanderers' players — and supporters — have had much more than enough.

Last night they travelled to Barking for the Premier Floodlight League semi-final, while on Saturday, the club supplies more than half Barry Darvill's Berks and Bucks side. Then on Thursday, May 20, comes another friendly, this time versus German touring side Dusseldorf 99, and May 28 sees the start of Wanderers' Whitsun tour of Gibraltar.

All this after a shattering ten months slog through top competitions. The Barking match made it three outings in four days for a fair percentage of Wycombe's overworked squad. They have provided entertainment in quantities this season as much — even more — than could reasonably have been expected.

Fading prestige of the County Senior Cup

But obviously they've reached saturation point, and the situation is not helped in any way by extra fixtures like the Westminster Hospital Cup game against the Combined Services last Tuesday. This, like so many of the friendlies popping up now, was fixed way back at the beginning of the season, and no doubt would have been of slightly more interest had Wanderers not done so well during the year. The emphasis, however, is on "slight".

Ultimately, the match, albeit of a fair standard, did nothing

for anybody and could well have been fought out by a club with lighter commitments. As a warm up for the Barking match it only helped aggravate Wanderers' casualty problems.

The Berks and Bucks Senior Cup took a decided prestige knock on Monday, when Wanderers left several of their top-fit-men on the sideline. Fair enough, the club is sticking to its guns by treating the competition as a secondary event. As with most such County events in the South today, the

Senior Cup, it seems, is no longer one of the major attractions of the season.

So whether or not a place remains in this congested day and age for these more regionalised events remains to be seen. In the meantime, participation remains compulsory — the one factor perhaps preventing the collapse of all Senior County Cups.

It has, however, failed to salvage their fading prestige. So why not accept the fact that these competitions are no longer on a first class footing, let those

withdraw who wish to, and then re-organise them on more practical lines? Rather than let them die a slow, lingering death.

An official attendance figure of 3,200 at Marlow proves the interest is still there from the spectators' viewpoint at the moment. But if the clubs are not prepared to commit themselves a 100 per cent, will the fans?

SUCH a glut of football at Loakes Park could effect the 'gate' at Monday night's Allied Counties Challenge Cup Final when the Wycombe Combination clash with the Reading Combination (7.20 p.m.).

It is to be hoped it doesn't though, for the game marks Wycombe's first ever appearance in the final of this competition, and Reading will make a formidable opposition. So they'll need all the vocal support they can get.